

To: Faulk, Libby[Faulk.Libby@epa.gov]
From: Wharton, Steve
Sent: Thur 3/13/2014 10:08:39 PM
Subject: Re: Upper Animas Planning

Thanks Libby. Hope you're doing well.

From: Faulk, Libby
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 2:34:25 PM
To: Wharton, Steve
Subject: RE: Upper Animas Planning

I was given approval to back fill 2 of the positions.

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I think they'll both be a great fit and work well with RPMs and OSC (I hope☺).

Safe travels! Libby

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From: Wharton, Steve
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 2:16 PM
To: Faulk, Libby
Subject: RE: Upper Animas Planning

Thanks Libby. I'm in Atlanta through today, but will be back tomorrow.

Did you get approval to fill one or two positions?

From: Faulk, Libby
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 2:13 PM
To: Wharton, Steve
Subject: FW: Upper Animas Planning

Hi Steve,

Just FYI, I hope to meet with Peggy next week when I'm back in the office to talk about her sites. I have some ideas as to who I might be assigning the Upper Animas site too once she leaves but want to talk with her first. The problem will be there will be a gap between when she leaves and when the new hires come on that will have to figure out should the team needs assistance with the planning of Martin's trip.

Sincerely, Libby

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Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 1:33 PM

To: Schmittiel, Paula; Wall, Dan; Way, Steven

Cc: Madigan, Andrea; Williams, Laura; Urdiales, Aaron; Ketellapper, Victor; Forrest, Sabrina; Rudy, Michael; Linn, Peggy; Faulk, Libby; McKean, Deborah

Subject: Upper Animas Planning

Paula, Dan and Steve, As a follow-up to our recent meeting about the Upper Animas site, I wanted to offer some suggestions for you to consider when developing plans for future actions at the site. During the meeting, I expressed my concerns about the need to have an overarching plan or strategy for coordinating our response actions at the site including investigation, risk assessment and near-term mitigation of releases.

I also stated that another aspect of our response actions should be a clear and transparent relationship between our data collection efforts and the risk management decisions we believe are necessary. These concepts are described in detail in the three guidance documents I've listed below. I believe there are some important and potentially very helpful ideas here that are worth discussing.

Since I've asked Paula to set up another meeting to move this dialogue forward, and since Martin has expressed his desire to engage with the local elected officials within the next few weeks, I am requesting that you consider how we might use these tools to organize and coordinate our efforts including reaching out to all of the affected stakeholders.

Thanks,

Steve

Rules of Thumb for Superfund Remedy Selection, OSWER 9335.0-69, EPA 540/R-97/013, August 1997

<http://www.epa.gov/oerrpage/superfund/policy/remedy/rules/rulesthm.pdf>

Ecological Risk Assessment and Risk Management Principles for Superfund Sites, OSWER 9285.7-28P, October 1999

<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/riskassessment/pdf/final10-7.pdf>

Guidelines for Ecological Risk Assessment, EPA 630/R-95/002F, April 1998

<http://www.epa.gov/raf/publications/pdfs/ECOTXTBX.PDF>